

Southern Energy

Co-operative Ltd

Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd board 47th meeting of 26 February 2000, 71 Franciscan Avenue, Frankston 3199

PRESENT: A.R. Gourley (Chair), Greg Wishart and David Griffiths
APOLOGY: Dieter Schwab

Minutes

That the minutes of the last meeting of 22 January 2000 be approved as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

Moved: A.R. Gourley
Seconded: D. Griffiths
CARRIED

That the minutes of the meeting of 30 August 1999 be approved as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

Moved: G. Wishart
Seconded: D. Griffiths
CARRIED

That the decisions of the meeting of 22 January 2000 be ratified.

Moved: G. Wishart
Seconded: D. Griffiths
CARRIED

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

The secretary reported that the subscription fee for two years had been paid – made possible from a donation from David Griffiths.

The Secretary reported that Bill McPherson had agreed to attend the Federation's AGM as the co-operative's delegate but that he did not attend and, therefore, the Secretary attended with a proxy from Bob Gourley.

The Secretary also reported that the Federation was considering:

- Revamping the Victorian Co-operative News as a separate insert within National Co-op Update.
- Establishment of a Co-opNet web page.

CPS

There was discussion of the co-operative's membership of CPS and the following agreed to:

- David Griffiths would contact CPS re bulk copies of A4 photocopying paper.
- Greg Wishart would contact business colleagues re their interest in purchasing bulk copies.
- Bob Gourley would discuss with True Colour and the auditor their interest in purchasing bulk copies.

Donation

The Secretary provided a donation of \$23.10 and the Chairman agreed to arrange for the donation to be deposited in the co-operative's account.

Audit

The secretary advised that Shepard Webster O'Neill had been paid the \$200 audit fee – cheque dated 11 November 1999.

It was noted that the Chairman would be lodging the necessary documents with the auditor.

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The Secretary circulated copies of a recent Co-operative Energy Ltd publication, Group Buying Power Bibliography.

Future Directions

There was a discussion on small consumer contestability for electricity supply from 2001. It was agreed that three initiatives were necessary:

- A letter to retailers seeking discussions on price and service.
- A letter to members seeking their authorization to negotiate on their behalf on a non-binding basis.
- A plan for re-launching the co-operative to announce that discussions were underway with the aim of recruiting new members.

It was agreed that written drafts would be circulated to directors before the next meeting.

It was also agreed that the Secretary and Chairman would prepare the draft documentation.

Meeting Reminders

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact directors to remind them of meetings one week before each meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 6.00 pm, 25 March 2000, 71 Franciscan Avenue, Frankston